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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

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Applicant hereby petitions for the minimum extension of time necessary so that the accompanying Amendment, Request for Examination and Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement are timely filed.

It is believed that an extension of two months is required. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$620.00, including \$225.00 as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17. If this amount is incorrect, please charge any deficiency or amount due for further extension of time required, or credit any overpayment under the foregoing rules to deposit account no. 07-1969.

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